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C O N F I D E N T I A L TEL AVIV 3355

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E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: PINT, PFOR, IS, XF
SUBJ: CHANGING LIBERAL LINE ON TERRITORIAL CONCESSIONS

1. ABOUT A MONTH AGO, ISRAELI PRESS AND TV NOTED THAT LIBERAL PARTY LEADER, ELIMELECH RIMALT, HAD CHANGED HIS STAND TO ONE OF GREATER FLEXIBILITY ON ISSUE OF TERRITORIAL CONCESSIONS. RIMALT CONFIRMED THIS SHIFT IN HIS THINKING TO US IN A RECENT CONVERSATION. (MEMCON POUCHED TO DEPT. SPEARATELY.) HE SAID THAT IN LIGH OF CHANGED CIRCUMSTANCES DURING THE PAST YEAR HE NOW CONSIDERED IT TO BE IN ISRAEL'S INTEREST TO TRY TO NEGOTIATE A WITHDRAWAL FROM SOME OF THE OCCUPIED TERRITORIES IN RETURN FOR SOME " ELEMENTS OF PEACE," PROVIDED THIS COULD BE DONE IN A CONTEXT WHICH ENVISAGED PEACE AT END OF LINE.

2. RIMALT CLAIMED MAJORITY OF LIBERAL PARTY MK'S AND SUPPORTERS AGREED WITH HIM IN THIS SHIFT, THOUGH HE ACKNOWLEDGED THAT MANY ALSO DID NOT.

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3. COMMENT: WE DO NOT ATTACH GREAT SIGNIFICANCE TO THIS CHANGE FROM COMPLETE OPPOSITION TO QUALIFIED

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ACCEPTANCE OF THE CONCEPT OF TERRITORIAL CONCESSIONS IN RETURN FOR A SUBSTANTIAL POLITICAL COUNTER-VALUE. RIMALT'S POSITION IN HIS PARTY IS SOLID,BUT HE PROBABLY LACKS THE CLOUT OR PERSONALITY TO LEAD IT IN NEW DIRECTIONS. NEVERTHELESS, HIS SHIFT DOES SHOW THAT A CERTAIN AMOUNT OF CHANGE IS TAKING PLACE IN THE THINKING OF THE RIGHT WING PARTIES. NOT ALL SUCH CHANGES IS IN DIRECTION OF GREATER FLEXIBILITY. IN CONVERSATION WITH CHARGE ON MAY 31 (TEL AVIV 3343), FREE CENTER PARTY'S SHMUEL TAMIR SEEMED TO BE TAKING HARDER LINE THAN ONE HE WAS ADVANCING ON OCTOBER (TEL AVIV 5597, 10/2/74).
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